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SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA VISIT ENDS

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1. ECHEVERRIA VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA ENDED WITH THE SAME FLOURISH WHICH HAD CHARACTERIZED HIS TREATMENT THROUGHOUT, AS TITO AND OTHER TOP YUGOSLAVS SAW HIM OFF AT AIRPORT CEREMONY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 15. TITO PRESENCE PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY BECAUSE ONLY ONE HOUR AFTER ECHEVERRIA DEPARTURE YUGOSLAVS ANNOUNCED DELAY OF TITO VISIT TO HUNGARY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 17. WHILE NO REASON GIVEN THIS CHANGE (NOR FOR DELAY OF EGYPTIAN FORMIN VISIT SCHEDULED BEGIN FEBRUARY 16) CONJECTURE HERE CENTERS ON LIKELY TITO FATIGUE FOLLOWING HEAVY SCHEDULE.

2. LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE ON VISIT RUNS GAMUT OF PET PROJECTS FOR BOTH SIDES WITH SOME 17 SEPARATE TOPICS MENTIONED ASIDE FROM BILATERALS. CONSIDERABLE SPACE IS GIVEN TO WORLD ECONOMIC, ENERGY AND RAW MATERIAL PROBLEMS WHICH, HOWEVER, TREATED IN NON-POLEMIC MANNER.

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EXPECTED STRONG BACKING GIVEN CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND OB-

LIGATIONS OF STATES, ADLPTION OF WHICH URGED AT NEXT UNGA SESSION. BOTH SUPPORT CALLING OF SPECIAL UNGA TO TREAT WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

3. IN COMMUNIQUE AS IN STATEMENTS ELSEWHERE MUCH VERBIAGE DEVOTED TO NONALIGNMENT AND IMPORTANT OF ALGIERS CONFERENCE. BOTH ENDORSE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF NONALIGNED COORDINATION BUREAU, BUT COMMUNIQUE SPEAKS ONLY OF "OTHER MEETINGS OF THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES", WHICH MAY INDICATE A NON-MEETING OF MINDS OVER THE YUGOSLAV-BACKED NONALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING.

4. STRIKING ASPECT OF COMMUNIQUE IS WHAT IT DID NOT SAY ON TOPIC OF MIDDLE EAST, INDOCHINA AND LATIN AMERICA. MIDDLE EAST PORTION ENDORSED IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSC AND GA RESOLUTIONS, CALLED DIS-ENGAGEMENT ONLY AN INITIAL STEP, AND CALLED ROLE OF UN THERE INDESPENSIBLE. NO MENTION MADE OF COMPLETE ISRALI WITHDRAWAL OR RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, A RATHER STARTLING OMISSION FROM A DOCUMENT SIGNED BY THE YUGOSLAVA. VIETNAM PORTION CALLS FOR STRICT IMPLEMENTION

OF PARIS AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE OF INDOCHINA, SAYING LASTING PEACE WILL COME ONLY THROUGH FULL RECOGNITION OF LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF "THESE PEOPLES" TO FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION. AGAIN, STANDARD YUGOSLAV LITANY OF CONDEMN-ATION SAIGON REGIME AND IMPERIALIST INTERFERENCE WAS ABSENT. ALSO ABSENT WAS ANY REFERENCE TO CHILE, STANDARD FARE FOR YUGO-SLAV PRONOUNCEMENTS, AND WHILE NONALIGNMENT WAS PLAYED UP THERE WERE NO REFERENCES TO ITS APPLICATION TO LATIN AMERICA.

5. COMMENT. EARLY INDICATIONS IN THIS VISIT, WHEN THERE WERE SOME REFERENCES TO PARALLEL MEXICAN-YUGOSLAV EXPERIENCES IN HOLDING OFF OF IMPERIALISM, WOULD HAVE SEEMED TO FORESHADOW A COMMUNIQUE MUCH MORE IN THE MOULD OF THOSE YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN SIGNING WITH OTHER NONALIGNED COUNTRIES. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT WHILE HE MIGHT NOT BE AVERSE TO A FEW IMPLICIT CRACKS AT THE US FROM THE STUMP, ECHEVERRIA WAS NOT ABOUT TO LET HIMSELF BE PUT ON RECORD IN A COMMUNIQUE WITH THE KIND OF THINGS THAT ARE STANDARD FARE IN JOINT YUGOSLAV PRONOUNCEMENTS WITH OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. JOHNSON

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